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After due consultation and deliberation in the concerned forums and with the approval of the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church in its sessions held from 28th October to 15th November 1996 and from 5th to 16th November 2001 and after having obtained the *recognitio* of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches on 22 June 2004, the undersigned Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, C.Ss.R, the Major Archbishop of the Syro–Malabar Church hereby promulgates the text of the sacraments, appended to this decree, namely, Child Baptism and Chrismation, Adult Baptism and Chrismation Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sacrament of Matrimony and Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, to be effective from 6th January 2005 and with the same Act declares that all other texts hitherto in use for administering the above–mentioned sacraments stand abrogated from 6th January 2005.

All contrary dispositions notwithstanding.

Given from the Syro–Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St. Thomas on 1st December 2004.

✠ **Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, C.Ss.R.**
Major Archbishop of the Syro–Malabar Church

PREFACE

The Congregation for the Oriental Churches, Rome, gave the *recognitio* for the text of the Sacraments of the Syro-Malabar Church on 24 June 2004 (Prot.No.200/23). As per the Decree of the Major Archbishop Mar Varkey Vithayathil, the text of the Sacraments of the Syro-Malabar Church was promulgated on 1 December 2004.

The text of the Syro-Malabar Sacraments was prepared after a detailed study and discussion lasting many years. The draft text prepared by the Central Liturgical Committee was discussed and approved by the Synod held on 28 October -15 November 1996 with necessary modifications and was sent to Rome. After a detailed study, Rome had given certain suggestions for the consideration of the Synod on 31 March 2000 (Prot. No. 200/93). The revised draft prepared by the Synod on the basis of these suggestions was sent to the dioceses for further observations and suggestions. Considering the opinions from the dioceses, the final text was approved by the Synod held on November 5-16, 2001 and was sent again to Rome for *recognitio* on 14 December 2001. Having received the same, the Order of the Sacraments of Infant Baptism and Chrismation (Confirmation), Adult Baptism and Chrismation (Confirmation), Holy Matrimony, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick were published on 1 December 2004.

The options given for the Holy Qurbana are applicable to the Sacraments too. The specific options given in the text of the Sacraments are also the prerogatives of the celebrating priests. The Order of the Sacraments came to be effective on 6 January 2005.

Having verified that the English version is true to the original Malayalam version promulgated by the Major Archbishop on 1st December 2004, I hereby approve this English translation as per the mandate given by the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church.

Mar Paul Chittilapilly
Chairman
Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal
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January 6, 2007

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Infant Baptism and Chrismation (Confirmation)

General Instructions

1. The celebrant wears the vestments prescribed for the celebration of the Holy Qurbana.

2. The ceremony begins at the main door of the church. The godparents and others stand at the door outside the church. The godmother carries the child. For convenience, she may hold the child in such a way that the child's head rests in her right arm. The presence of the parents during baptism shall be encouraged.

3. The general rule is that the oil be blessed during the ceremony of baptism. For sufficient reason, previously blessed oil also may be used. The oil is to be blessed with Myron (Chrism). Vegetable oil like olive oil, coconut oil and gingili oil can be used.

4. Water for each baptism shall be blessed on the occasion of the baptism itself, except in an emergency.

5. It is desirable that the white dress, with which the child is clothed after baptism, be brought by the child's own people.

6. They may be encouraged to bring the candle as well. It is good that the candle be decorated.

7. It is recommended that the Rite of Baptism be performed once a month when many people can participate in the rite. It will help towards the ecclesial and social dimension of this sacrament.

8. Readings from the Bible may be limited to two or three instead of four. If there are only two readings, the first shall be from the Epistles and the other from the Gospel.

9. The blessing before the Gospel reading shall be done with the Gospel.

10. Baptism is given by immersing the child in water thrice, or by making the child sit in water and pouring water over the head thrice in the form of the cross, or by pouring water over the head thrice in the form of the cross.

11. The first anointing is done with the blessed oil of the previous baptism.

12. The options granted in the Qurbana are valid in the Rite of Baptism also.

13. [ ] This sign denotes options granted in the Rite of Baptism.

14. Holy Communion is to be given as early as possible after Baptism and Chrismation.

15. Those who are not able to receive Chrismation along with Baptism may be anointed, using the text in this book starting with *karozutha(page no 47)*. The introductory prayers and the Liturgy of the Word till *karozutha* are taken from the text of the Holy Qurbana.

Infant Baptism and Chrismation

The ceremony begins at the main door of the church. The godparents and others come with the child, and stand in front of the door.

C: Glory to God in the highest. (3)

A: Amen. (3)

C: Peace and hope to people on earth, always and forever.

A: Amen.

C: Our Father in heaven,

C&A: Holy be Your name,
Your kingdom come.
Holy, holy, holy are You.

Our Father in heaven,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your Glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

Our Father in heaven,
Holy be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day the bread we need

And forgive us our debts and sins
As we have forgiven those who offended us.
Do not let us fall into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and forever. Amen.

C: Our Father in heaven,

C&A: Holy be Your name,
Your kingdom come.
Holy, holy, holy are You.

Our Father in heaven,
The heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your Glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

OR

C: Our Father in heaven

C&A: Holy be Your name,
Your kingdom come,

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day the bread we need
And forgive us our debts and sins
As we have forgiven those who offended us.
Do not let us fall into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Lord God, admit this child, Your servant, to the fold of Your sheep and enlighten him (her) with Your grace. Being reborn by water and the Holy Spirit may this child become worthy to call You "Father". Strengthen us, who are weak, so that we may administer this sacrament worthily. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Psalm 42

C: As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, 0 God.

(Canon) "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God".

A: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?

C: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
My help and my God.

A: My soul is cast down within me,
Therefore I remember thee
From the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
From Mount Mizar.

C: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love;
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

A: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
My help and my God.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and forever. Amen.

C: (Canon) "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

The celebrant, extending his right hand over the head of the child, and with the palm downwards, says the following prayer:

C: Lord, You who said: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you", fulfil this gracious promise in this servant. You have given Your gift not only to the wise and to the intelligent, but also to children. Your mercy has led this child to the waters of baptism. You have enabled him (her) to a new life by a spiritual birth. May this servant, who now becomes a member of Your mystical body, grow bodily and spiritually by the reception of the sacraments. Together with this child, we thank you for the gift given to this servant. Now and always ✠ *(blesses the child)* and forever.

A: Amen.

The celebrant asks the following questions and the godparents answer for the child:

C: Do you desire to be freed from the slavery of Satan?

Ans: I do.

C: Do you abandon sin and the ways of sin?

Ans: I do.

C: Do you accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour?

Ans: I do.

First Anointing

The first anointing is done with the blessed oil of the previous baptism.

C: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ *(Anoints the forehead of the child with the oil)* and of the Holy Spirit, *(Name of the child)* is anointed with the holy oil.

A: Amen.

All go in procession to the Bema. The following psalm may be sung during the procession.

Psalm 84

My soul yearns, O Lord of hosts!
To dwell in Your lovely dome.
It faints for the Court of the Lord.

My heart leaps, O God of Life!
To praise in a joyful wave
It sings for the Living God.

At your altar, Lord of lords!
A nest for the swallow seeks.
A home for the sparrow finds.

Happy men who live with You
Sing praise in a lively voice.
Their hearts know paths to Zion.

Baca valley turns to springs
As God's men pass by the paths
Rain fills land with the pools.

Yahweh's men grow stronger still
To behold, the Lord of Zion
Witness our shield, Lord God.

God of Jacob, hear our prayer
Look on the face of Your men
Bless Your anointed ones.

God of Jacob, God of gods
Greater a day in your Court
Than thousand days elsewhere.

God of hosts, God of gods!
Better a guard in Your House
Than life in the wicked's tent.

Sun and shield, Lord of Lords
Bestowing honour, grace
To all those who walk upright

Praise and glory ever Amen
Be to the Father, be to the Son,
Be to the Spirit Amen.

OR

C: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts
My soul longs, indeed, it faints for the court of the Lord.

A: My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

C: Even the sparrow finds a home,
And the swallow a nest for herself.

A: Where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

C: Happy are those who live in your house,
Ever singing your praise.

A: Happy are those whose strength is in You,
In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

C: As they go through the valley of Baca.
And they make it a place of springs;

A: The early rain also covers it with pools.

C: They grow from strength to strength.
The God of gods will be seen in Zion.

A: 0 Lord God of hosts,
Hear my prayer.

C: Give ear, 0 God of Jacob,
Behold our shield, 0 God.
Look on the face of Your anointed.

A: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.

A: For the Lord God is a sun and shield
He bestows favour and honour.

C: No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

A: 0 Lord of hosts,

Happy is everyone who trusts in You

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

A From eternity and forever Amen.

When the procession reaches the Bema

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

(On Sundays and Feast Days)

C: Lord, our God, when the sweet fragrance of Your love wafts over us and when our souls are enlightened with the knowledge of Your truth may we be found worthy to receive Your beloved Son as He appears from the heaven. May we also glorify You and praise You unceasingly in Your Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. For You are the Lord and Creator of all forever and ever.

A: Amen.

(On Days of Commemorations and Ordinary Days)

C: Lord, Our God, for all the helps and blessings You have bestowed on us and for which we

can never be grateful enough, we offer You never-ending praise and glory in the Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. You are the creator and Lord of all, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

Ch& A: Lord of all we bow and praise You
Jesus Christ, we glorify You
For You give man glorious resurrection
And You are the one who saves his soul.

C&D: "The voice of the Lord is upon the waters."

Lord of all we bow and praise You
Jesus Christ, we glorify You
For You give man glorious resurrection
And You are the one who saves his soul.

Ch & A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
From the eternity and forever. Amen.

Lord of all we bow and praise You
Jesus Christ, we glorify You
For You give man glorious resurrection
And You are the one who saves his soul.

OR

Ch & A: Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ, we glorify You. For You are the one who raises our bodies, and saves our souls.

C&D: "The voice of the Lord is upon the waters."

Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ, we glorify You. For You are the one who raises our bodies and saves our souls.

Ch & A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. From the eternity and forever. Amen.

Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ, we glorify You. For You are the one who raises our bodies and saves our souls.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: My Lord, You are truly the One Who raises our bodies. You are the Saviour of our souls, and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify You, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

D: Lift up your voices and sing aloud
Let us all sing His praise
Bless the Lord
Bless the Lord eternal.

Ch & A: Holy Lord of all
Holy mighty One
Holy immortal One
Have mercy on us.

C&D: Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Holy Lord of all
Holy mighty One
Holy immortal One
Have mercy on us.

Ch & A: From the eternity and forever. Amen.

Holy Lord of all
Holy mighty One
Holy immortal One
Have mercy on us.

OR

D: Brothers and sisters, raise your voices and glorify the living God.

A: Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

C&D: Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

Ch & A: From the eternity and forever. Amen.

Holy God, holy Mighty One, holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Glorious, mighty, immortal, and holy God You are pleased to dwell in the holy ones. We beseech You. Look upon us, pardon us, and show us compassion, according to Your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

The reader goes to the left side of the celebrant and facing the congregation

D: Brothers and sisters, please be seated and listen attentively. A reading from the Book of.. (Old Testament).

Bows for blessing

Bless me, my Lord.

Celebrant blesses the reader saying

C: May God ✠ bless you.

OR

C: May the Lord, who enlightens us through His teachings, be glorified. May His grace always be upon You ✠ and your listeners.

(Repeat this in case of more than one reading from the Old Testament)

Genesis 12: 1-4
Ezekiel 36: 24-28

At the end of the Reading:

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God.

D: Let us stand to sing the *Suraya*.

Suraya

Glory of God, heavens proclaim
Now and the times to come.

Sing hymns to the Holy Spirit
Alleluia ! Alleluia !
Commemorate the Baptism
Of Jesus , the Son of God.

His creative art, the sky declares
Now and forever Amen.
Glory of God, ...

The day throughout, speaks to the day
Now and the ages to dawn.
Glory of God, ...

Glory to Abba, Glory to Jesus,
Glory to Holy Spirit.

Glory of God, ...

Glory in Beginning, Glory today,
Glory forever, Amen.

OR

C: The heavens proclaim the glory of God. Singing hymns to the Holy Spirit, let us commemorate the Baptism of our Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

S: The firmament declares the work of His hands.

A: Singing hymns to the Holy Spirit, let us commemorate the Baptism of our Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

S: The day speaks to the day incessantly.

A: Singing hymns to the Holy Spirit, let us commemorate the Baptism of our Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Singing hymns to the Holy Spirit, let us commemorate the Baptism of our Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

S: From eternity and forever. Amen.

A: Singing hymns to the Holy Spirit,
Let us commemorate the Baptism of our Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

S: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

(On Sundays and Feast Days)

C: Lord, God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of Your life-giving and divine commandments. In Your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope and salvation beneficial to

our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You, Lord of all, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

(On Other Days and Sundays in Lent)

C: O Sovereign Lord, knowing everything, You are the source of every grace and blessing and the provider for all in Your household. We beseech You. Look upon us, bless us, and show us mercy in accordance with Your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

The reader goes to the lectern at the right side of the celebrant and faces the congregation

D: Brothers and sisters, a reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the...

Rom 6: 3-11

OR

Gal 3: 26-29

Bows towards the celebrant

D: Bless me, my Lord.

Blesses the reader saying

C: May Christ ✠ bless you.

OR

May Christ enlighten You with His teachings. In His great mercy, may He make you a true mirror for those who hear from your lips the words of His teachings.

The reader reads facing the congregation; another server stands near with a lit candle.

At the end of the reading

A: Praise be to Christ, Our Lord.

A server brings censer and frankincense. The celebrant puts frankincense into the censer and blesses it.

C: Lord, may the sweet fragrance of the perfumed oil that wafted from You when Mary, the sinner, anointed Your head, mix with this incense. We offer to You this incense in Your honour, for the forgiveness of our sins, and remission of our debts ✠ Lord of all, forever.

D: Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Zummara

My heart is throbbing
Stirred by a noble theme
And I sing Halleluiah
For I sing ode to the king

My tongue is scribbling
Similar to poet's pen
And I sing Halleluiah
For I sing ode to the king

Halleluiah to the Father Our God
Halleluiah to the Jesus Our Lord
Halleluiah to the Spirit, Our God.

OR

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
My heart is stirred by a noble theme,

S1: As I sing my ode to the king.

S2: My tongue is the pen of a nimble scribe.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit.

S1: As it was in the beginning
Let it be forever. Amen.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, splendour of the Father's glory, and the image of the Father, You manifested Yourself to us in human body and illumined the darkness of our minds with the light of Your Gospel. We offer You worship, glory, and thanksgiving, Lord of all, forever. Amen.

The celebrant goes to the altar, along with the candle-bearers and censer-bearer. He takes the Gospel saying:

C: Jesus Christ, light of the world and life of all. Glory be to the infinite mercy that sent You to us, Lord of all, forever. Amen.

The celebrant takes the Gospel and goes to the Bema in procession, accompanied by two candles and censer bearers.

C: *(says in a low voice)*

Christ Our Lord, enlighten us in Your laws, inflame our minds with Your knowledge, and sanctify our souls with Your truth so that we may be faithful to Your words and obedient to Your commandments. Lord of all, forever.

Amen.

D: Let us stand and listen attentively to the Holy Gospel.

At the Bema the celebrant stands facing the congregation flanked by the candle-bearers on either side. The censer-bearer stands in front of the Bema and incenses during the reading.

C: Peace ✠ be with you.

A: And with you and with your spirit.

C: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, as proclaimed by ....

Jn 3: 1-8

OR

Mt 3: 13-17

A: Glory to You, Christ, our Lord.

At the end of the reading, the celebrant closes the Gospel, kisses it, and hands it over to the server, who lays it on the altar. The candles are returned to their respective places.

A: Glory to You Christ, Our Lord.

Homily

Karozutha

D: Offering to the Lord this child, now becoming a son (daughter) of God through baptism, let us pray saying: "Lord, have mercy us."

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: Lord, You who said that we will not enter the kingdom of God without being born again by water and Spirit, give this child the grace to become a son (daughter) of God by rebirth through baptism, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: Lord, You who received baptism in the river Jordan and showed us the example of humility, give this servant the grace to live, doing Your will, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: Lord, You who died, was buried, and rose up gloriously for us, bless this child, dead to sin and come to a new life, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That this child, desirous of being the temple of the Holy Spirit, be led along the path of holiness, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That this child, called to be a member of the Church, be adorned with all spiritual and earthly blessings, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That the parents and godparents of this child be blessed to raise him (her) as the hope of the parents, light of the family, and a good citizen of the country, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: For the well being of our Holy Father Pope, (Name) ..... the head of the universal Church of Christ, the Major Archbishop, (Name) ....., the head and father of our Syro-Malabar Church, father and Bishop of our diocese, Mar (Name)..... and for all other Bishops and their fellow-ministers, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

II

D: We beseech that You send us the angel of peace and grace.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

D: For a life without sin, all the days of our lives, and for lasting peace for Your Church, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

D: For the unity of love, which is the bond of perfection, obtained through the fullness of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You .

D: For forgiveness of sins and for graces that help our lives and are pleasing to You, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You .

D: That You always grant us Your mercy and grace, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord, Our God, we commend ourselves to You.

C: Lord, You who have asked us to preach to all nations, making disciples of them and baptizing them, help us obey Your command. May the Church, You have commissioned to build the Kingdom of God on earth, be blessed to fulfil Your will through us. May Your salvific day, on which the whole humankind is united and assembled under one shepherd and one sheepfold, come soon. Let this

sacrament we administer be, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the door to eternal life for the child. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

S: Bless us, O Lord. Brothers and sisters, bow your heads for the imposition of hands and receive the blessing.

Everybody bows. The celebrant bows and says the following prayer in a low voice.

C: *(On Sundays and Feast Days)*
Lord, Almighty God, Yours is the Holy Catholic Church, the flock, redeemed through the passion and suffering of Your Anointed Son. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, who is one in Divine Being with You, the orders of true priesthood are conferred through the imposition of hands. In Your great mercy, You have made us worthy — weak and lowly though we are — to be distinctive members of the mystical body, the Church, to minister to the faithful. Lord, fill us with Your mercy and grace, and pour forth Your blessings through our hands. May Your mercy and blessings be on us and on this Your chosen people.

C: *(On Weekdays and during Lent)*
Lord God, extend Your merciful right hand over the universal and apostolic Church. Protect it from every danger, visible and invisible. In Your compassion make us worthy to minister in Your presence with devotion, diligence, and purity.

Resuming a straight posture, the celebrant prays raising his voice:

C: Merciful God, bless us. Grant that all of us, as one body, may properly please You throughout our lives, by works of justice that reconcile us with You. Make us worthy to offer You never-ending praise, homage, thanksgiving, and adoration. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Profession of Faith

C: We believe in One God, the Father Almighty,

C&A: Creator of all things visible and invisible,/ and in one Lord Jesus Christ,/ the only begotten Son of God,/ the first born of all creatures,/ born of the Father before all ages,/ and not made,/ true God from true God,/ consubstantial

with his Father.
Through Him the worlds were formed/ and all things were created.
For the sake of us men and for our salvation/ He came down from heaven;/ and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit/ and became man,/ and was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered and was crucified/ in the days of Pontius Pilate/ died and was buried;/ and on the third day rose again/ as it is written.
He ascended into heaven/ and sits at the right hand of his Father./ He will come again/ to judge the dead and the living./
We believe in one Holy Spirit;/ the spirit of truth,/ who proceeds from the Father (and the Son)/ the life, giving Spirit.
We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church./ We confess one baptism/ for the remission of sins,/ the resurrection of the body,/ and life everlasting./ Amen.

All go to the baptistery in procession.

During the procession the following hymn may be sung.

Praise and Glory
Lord God Holy
Angles honour
Thy name, ever.

John, the Baptist
Prepared the Lord's way
Gospel of penitence
Preached, the Prophet.

Jesus at Jordan
Bowed most meekly
Burdened by men's sins
Embracing Baptism.

Spotless, Lord God
Cleanse us sinners
Shower your blossom
The grace of Baptism.

After reaching the baptistery

D: Dear brothers and sisters, the celebrant starts praying for himself in preparation for administering holy baptism that gives the divine life. Standing in reverence and diligence, let us now pray in silence.

C: Lord, You who seek out the lost and gather up the scattered, have chosen this humble servant

for priestly ministry in Your Church. Fulfilling all righteousness you received baptism from John the Baptist from Jordan, and also appointed the apostles to administer the same. Grant me the grace to administer this sacrament in a worthy manner, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Blessing the Oil and Water

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Now, always ✠ *(Blesses the oil and water)* and forever.

A: Amen.

C: Let your minds be on high.

A: Towards You, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, O glorious king.

C: To God, Lord of all, we offer all praise and worship.

A: It is right and just.

D: Peace be with us.

C: Lord God. Our loving and merciful Father, You loved the world by sending Your beloved Son to grant us promise of resurrection and remission of sins. The oil of anointing You gave to the forefathers, is the sign of life, empowering us to achieve the end. We adore You with the heavenly hosts. Praising You high and unceasingly, they proclaim You in one voice.

A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, the mighty God. Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who came and is to come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

If the oil is not blessed previously, it is done now:

Blessing the Oil

C: Lord God, may Your Holy Spirit come down and bless this oil and dwell in it. May this oil, for the administration of baptism, the symbol of Christ's suffering and resurrection, be sanctified ✠ in the name of Your adorable Trinity. Let this oil of anointing be a sign of life for us. By this baptism accomplished through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our

Saviour, may we have the fullness of sanctity, the bliss of the heavenly kingdom, and a share in Christ's priesthood. We offer praise, honour, worship and thanksgiving to You and to Your beloved Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now,✠ always *(blesses the oil)* and forever.

A: Amen.

The celebrant dipping his thumb in the holy Myron makes the sign of the cross in the oil saying:.

C: Signed, sanctified and mingled with the holy Myron, this oil becomes the sign of immortality in the baptism for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

If there is no blessing of the oil the following prayer is said.

C: Lord God, bless Your servants who are anointed with this oil, sanctified by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, that they may become the temple of the Holy Spirit and partake in the royal priesthood of Christ. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Blessing the Water

C: Lord God, may the Holy Spirit, who descended on Jesus when He received baptism in the Jordan, and who renews the human nature, come down on this water and dwell in it. Those who are baptized in this water may attain salvation. Purified in body and soul, may we be found worthy to offer praise, honour and thanksgiving. Now, always ✠ and forever.

A: Amen.

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross in the water saying:

C: To be the new womb of spiritual birth through the baptism of forgiveness of sins, this water is blessed and mingled with the holy oil. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

The celebrant dips his finger in Myron and makes the sign of the cross in the water.

Anointing

C: *(Name of the child)* is anointed with the holy

oil in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

Dipping the thumb in the oil the celebrant anoints the chest of the child.

Baptizing

Baptism is given by immersing the child in the water thrice; or by making the child sit in the water and pouring the water over the head thrice in the form of the cross; or by pouring the water over the head thrice in the form of the cross.

C: (Name of the child) is baptized in the name of the Father ✠

Resp: Amen.

C: and of the Son ✠

Resp: Amen.

C: and of the Holy Spirit ✠

Resp: Amen.

Giving the White Dress

C: May our Lord Jesus Christ adorn you with the robe of sanctity and help you to a life of innocence.

The celebrant puts the white dress on the child.

A: Amen.

Giving the Lighted Candle to the Child

C: May Christ, the light of the world, be your beacon all the way.

The celebrant gives the child the lighted candle.

A: Amen.

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D: For this servant, who has become child of God in baptism and is awaiting the gifts of the Holy Spirit, let us pray: "Lord, hear our prayer".

A: Lord, hear our prayer.

D: That You send Your Spirit on this servant, as You did to Your disciples lost in prayer in Sehion Banquet Hall, we pray:

A: Lord, hear our prayer.

D: That, filled with Your Holy Spirit, he (she) may be braced up to live a life of holiness, and

rooted in faith, he (she) may glorify You always, we pray:

A: Lord, hear our prayer.

D: That the parents, teachers and benefactors, who raise him (her) up in Christian faith, be infused with Your Spirit, we pray:

A: Lord, hear our prayer.

D: Let us commend one another and ourselves to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord God, we commend ourselves to You.

C: Lord, Almighty God, we humbly pray You. Fill this child with Your Spirit. May he (she) grow up to the plenitude of Christian life. May he (she) be strengthened not to forget You in prosperity, and to seek You out in adversity. Bless him (her) to bear strong witness to You in life, and, then after death, to find the bliss of eternal happiness. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

The celebrant asks:

C Being filled with the Holy Spirit and confirmed in faith, do you desire to witness to Christ?

A: Yes, I do.

C: May God bless you.

All together sing the Hymn to the Holy Spirit.

O! Holy Spirit
Descended on disciples
Dawn on the faithful
Fill us with grace.

Gift us with holy love
Make us serene, Lord
Refresh and renew us
The downtrodden lot.

Kindle the glow of faith
Inside desperate minds
Brighten the drooping eyes
Wiping the tear drops.

Bring in the breeze of cool
Into the parched lands.
Blossom the withered branch
Pouring your gifts.

D: Dear brothers and sisters, the celebrant begins to sign this child with the plenitude of the grace of the Holy Spirit. In preparation, he now prays for himself. Staying devout and diligent, let us pray in silence.

C: Lord, Almighty God, we thank You for the infinite mercy by which You sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and strengthened them. You shower the Church with the gift of the Holy Spirit, through the imposition of hands by the apostles and their successors. Make me, O Lord, your humble servant, worthy to administer this gift to the child. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

Imposition of Hands

The celebrant, extending both his hands and placing them, palm downwards, on the candidate, says:

C: God our Father, You have granted us, through baptism, new birth, membership in the Mystical Body of Christ, and title to eternal life. Sign this servant with the promised Spirit and give him (her) the spirit of filiation that he (she) may call You "Abba", Father.

Empower him (her), being filled with the divine Spirit, through the imposition of hands, to live as a brave soldier, bearing witness to the Gospel, and as a loyal servant of the Church. May he (she) be filled with Your Spirit's fruits of love, peace, happiness, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, meekness and self-control. By Your grace, may he (she) be blessed to live a life undefiled. We offer praise, honour, and worship to You, to Your beloved Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now, always, ✠ and forever *(Blesses the candidate).*

A: Amen.

Anointing

The celebrant after dipping his thumb in Myron and recites the following formula anoints the candidate on his (her) forehead in the form of the cross.

C: (Name), having been baptized, is now perfected and confirmed. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

After anointing, the celebrant recites the following prayer:

C: Lord God, may the life-giving sign and the fullness of the grace of the Holy Spirit that he (she) has received, the new life he (she) has begun, and the armour of justice he (she) is wearing, shield him (her) from the enemy's harm. May he (she) be blessed to exude the divine fragrance of Christ in his (her) life.

A: Amen.

Crowning the Child

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit *(Name)* is adorned with the crown of life as the sign of spiritual joy and eternal bliss.

The celebrant crowns the candidate.

All go in procession to the entrance of the sanctuary door. The godfather carries the lighted candle. The following hymn may be sung during the procession.

Son of God, at River Jordan
While embracing Baptism
Heaven's portals wide open
Halleluiah! Holy name.

Behold! Beloved Son of God
Abba's Voice, heard from high
Reverberated earth and sky
Halleluiah! Holy name.

Holy Spirit, celestial Dove
Descending from firmament
Living water refresh life
Sanctifying soul and heart.

On reaching the entrance of the sanctuary.

C: Together with this child, who has become a son (daughter) of God, let us implore God calling Him "Father."

C: Our Father in heaven

A: Holy be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day the bread we need
and forgive us our debts and sins
as we have forgiven those who offended us.
Do not let us fall into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

If the Holy Qurbana is to follow, then it is resumed, beginning with "Onitha d' Raze".

Concluding Prayers

C: Lord God, You have washed up and purified this child in the blood of Jesus, the divine Lamb, who takes away the sins of the world. We thank You for having fulfilled in this servant our Lord, Jesus Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit. We praise You for having made this son (daughter) of Yours co-heir with Christ, and rich in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Bless this servant that he (she) may glorify You in truth and spirit. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen. Lord, bless us.

C: May the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St.Joseph, the holy Apostles, our Father St. Thomas, the Confessors, Saints and all the Blessed in the Church, and of the Patron Saint of our parish, assist this child. May the life of witness of the saint, after whom this child is named, be his (her) model.

A: Amen. Lord, bless us.

Final Blessing

C: Blessed be the God who has raised us, through baptism, to the status of the children of God. May He help you to live as a faithful son

(daughter) of the Church. Having received the Holy Spirit, may you become a daring missionary, bearing witness to the Gospel. Being supportive in dangers, consoling in sorrows and helpful in trials, may He protect you until you reach the heavenly bliss that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard and the heart has not yet enjoyed. May God make you worthy to be the hope of your parents, the light of your home, and an example of service for the people. May He bless you all abundantly, who have partaken in this sacred service. Now, always, ✠ and forever *(blesses all).*

A: Amen.

Adult Baptism and Chrismation (Confirmation)

General Instructions

1. Normally, this rite is administered in four stages, keeping a clear interval between stages. The period of interval could be months or years. It is also possible to schedule these periods according to the liturgical calendar. For example, the first stage may begin with Denha (Epiphany), and proceed through the other seasons in such a way that baptism is administered on Holy Saturday.

2. For sufficient reason, the four stages may be reduced to one service.

3. It shall be performed as a solemn ceremony of the Church, highlighting the social aspect of the sacrament, and the need for the participation of the parish.

4. At every stage, godparents shall have a prominent role.

5. It is desirable that cathedral parishes have pools for baptism by immersion for the adults.

Stage One

Entrance to the Catechumenate

The ceremony begins at the main door of the church.

Announcement: *Dear brothers and sisters, we now approach the first stage of the rite of bringing this brother (sister), who has been seeking Christ, into the communion of the Church. In the early Church, this rite was celebrated after due preparation. Our brother (sister) also has come here after careful preparation. Let us, therefore, begin this celebration by invoking God's blessings upon this brother (sister) so that his (her) desire may come true.*

C: Glory to God in the highest. (3)

A: Amen. (3)

C: Peace and hope to people on earth, always and forever.

A: Amen.

C: Lord God, look upon this brother (sister) who has come hopefully to the threshold of Your house. Be gracious to him so that he (she) may have his (her) heart's desire fulfilled. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all , forever.

A: Amen.

C: *(to the aspirant)* Dear brother (sister), what do you seek?

Ans: I seek Jesus, the Guru of the world.

C: What do you hope for by seeking out Jesus?

Ans: I believe that Jesus will lead me from falsehood to truth, from darkness to light, and from death to life.

C: May God grant you your heart's desire. Our prayers shall be with you.

D: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, graciously behold this servant who is looking for You. Hear his (her) prayers. You, who are the Way, the Truth and the Life, be the way and pathfinder for this brother (sister). Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

Psalm 43

C: O God, I have taken refuge in you;

Send your light and your truth; may they lead me.

(Canon) The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

A: O God, I have taken refuge in you;

Send your light and your truth; may they lead me.

C: May they lead me and bring me back to Zion, your sacred hill;
Then I will go to your altar, O God; you are the source of my happiness.

A: I will play my harp and sing praise to you,

O God, my God.

C: Why am I so sad, why am I so troubled?

A: I will put my hope in God, and once again I will praise him,
My saviour and my God.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and forever. Amen.

C: (Canon) The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

The celebrant, placing his right hand on the head of the aspirant, says:

C: Lord, You said: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock, and it will

be opened to you." Fulfill this gracious promise in this servant. By Your grace, and cleansed of all stains of sin in the baptismal waters, may this servant come to a new birth. May he (she), who now becomes a member of Your Mystical Body, grow spiritually and bodily by the reception of the sacraments. Together with this brother (sister), we thank You for this gift given to him (her). Now, always, ✠ and forever *(blesses the aspirant).*

A: Amen.

The celebrant asks the following questions to the aspirant and the aspirant gives the answers:

C: Do you abandon sin and the ways of sin ?

Ans: Yes, I do.

C: Do you accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour ?

Ans: Yes, I do.

First Anointing

The first anointing is done with the blessed oil of the previous baptism.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ *(anoints the forehead of the aspirant with the oil)*

and of the Holy Spirit, *(Name of the aspirant)* is anointed with the holy oil.

A: Amen.

All go in procession to the Bema. The following psalm may be sung during the procession.

Psalm 34

I sought the Lord in faith
He responded abrupt.
Delivered me from fears.

Canon : Fear of God, the advent of wisdom
Come O Children, listen to me.

Look to him, be radiant
Your face shan't be abashed.

Canon : Fear of God, the advent of wisdom
Come O Children, listen to me.

My mourning touched His heart
He delivered me from woe.

Canon : Fear of God, the advent of wisdom
Come O Children, listen to me.

OR

C: I sought the Lord
And he answered me and delivered me from

all my fears.
(Canon) Come, O children, and hear me.
The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

A: Look to him, and be radiant;
So your faces shall never be ashamed.

C: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.
(Canon) Come O children, and hear me.
The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

When the procession reaches theBema the celebrant lights the candle on the Bema, saying:

C: May Jesus, the light of the world, be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path.

C: Lord God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of Your life-giving and divine commandments. In Your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may constantly praise you, Lord of all, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

The celebrant reads the epistle.

Rom.13:11b-14

After the reading he gives a timely exhortation.

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D: Offering to God this servant who has begun his (her) pilgrimage towards the new life, let us pray saying: "Lord, be gracious to this brother (sister)."

A: Lord, be gracious to this brother (sister).

D: That this brother (sister) may listen to Your voice eagerly, performing deeds of light and avoiding those of darkness, we pray:

A: Lord, be gracious to this brother (sister).

D: That this person may be enabled to accept and confess Jesus as Saviour, we pray:

A: Lord, be gracious to this brother (sister).

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

Prayer of Liberation

The celebrant placing his right hand on the head of the aspirant, prays:

C: Lord Jesus, who released the captives and forgave the sinners, liberate this servant, who calls

upon Your name, from all bondage. Release him (her) from all anxiety. Lord of heaven and earth, in view of Your salvific suffering, death and resurrection, free this servant from all shackles and make him (her) Your own. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Handing the Gospel to the Aspirant

C: Dear brother (sister), receive the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the sacred Word help you find and follow Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The celebrant gives the Gospel to the aspirant and continues:

C: Lord Jesus Christ, make Your servant wise in Your law. Kindle his (her) mind with Your wisdom. God our Father, grant this servant the knowledge that You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into this world.

A: Amen.

All proceed to the closed door of the baptistery (or else to the baptismal font). During the procession the following Psalm may be sung:

Psalm 84

My soul yearns, O Lord of hosts!
To dwell in Your lovely dome.
It faints for the Court of the Lord.

My heart leaps, O God of Life!
To praise in a joyful wave
It sings for the Living God.

At your altar, Lord of lords!
A nest for the swallow seeks.
A home for the sparrow finds.

Happy men who live with You .
Sing praise in a lively voice.
Their hearts know paths to Zion.

Baca valley turns to springs,
As God's men pass by the paths
Rain fills land with the pools.

Yahweh's men grow stronger still
To behold, the Lord of Zion ,
Witness our shield, Lord God.

God of Jacob, hear our prayer.
Look on the face of Your men;
Bless Your anointed ones.

God of Jacob, God of gods,
Greater a day in your Court
Than thousand days elsewhere.

God of hosts, God of gods!
Better a guard in Your House
Than life in the wicked's tent.

Sun and shield, Lord of Lords,
Bestowing honour, grace
To all those who walk upright.

Praise and glory ever, (Amen)
Be to the Father, be to the Son,
Be to the Spirit. Amen.

OR

How lovely is your dwelling place
O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young at your altars,
O Lord of hosts,
My King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house,
Ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you,
In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Ba'ca
They make it a place of springs;
The early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength;
The God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
Give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God,
Look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your court is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favour and honour.

No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

When the procession reaches the Bema, the celebrant stretches out his right hand over the aspirant and prays:

Final Blessing

C: Dear brother (sister), may the God of peace grant you peace. He, who called you, is faithful. He will complete, in due time, the work he has begun in you. Go in hope. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Now, always+ *(blesses the aspirant)* and forever.

A: Amen.

Stage Two
Training and Study

The ceremonies begin at the Bema

Announcement: My dear brothers and sisters, our brother (sister), having sought out Christ and having listened to His call, has come here to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Embracing Christ, he (she) desires to become a son (daughter) of the Holy Church. And we are all witnesses to it. Let us now, together with this brother (sister), praise the Lord and seek His blessings.

C: Glory to God in the highest.(3)

A: Amen.(3)

C: Peace and hope to people on earth, always and forever.

A: Amen.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Lord God, help this brother (sister) who seeks Jesus as his (her) Saviour, and open the way of eternal life before him (her). The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

The celebrant asks the aspirant the following questions:

C: Dear brother (sister), have you tried sincerely to discover, in the word of God, Jesus, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life?

Aspirant: Yes, I have.

C: May God crown your efforts with success.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Gracious God, we praise You for this servant who desires to embrace Your salvific plan in Christ. May he be blessed to proclaim in faith, to experience in the word of God and in prayer, and to realize in life, the mystery of Your redemptive work. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Psalm 23

C: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. (Canon) As a hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, O God.

A: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters.

A: He restores my soul, He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley I fear no evil; for you are with me.

A: Your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

A: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and forever. Amen.

C: (Canon) As a hart longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Lord God, for all the help and blessings You have bestowed on us and for which we can never be grateful enough, we offer You never-ending praise and glory in the Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. You are the Creator and Lord of all. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

Prayer of Liberation

The celebrant, placing his right hand on the head of the aspirant, prays:

C: Merciful Jesus, Who said, "He who sees me sees the Father," graciously look upon this servant. Release him (her) from all shackles and groom him (her) to live as Your son (daughter). Help him (her) walk the path of holiness, keeping Your commandments and avoiding all occasions of sin. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

C: Lord God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of Your life-giving and divine commandments. In Your

mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You, Lord of all, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, forever.

.: Amen.

nnouncement: *You need firmly believe in the salvific plan of Jesus to be found worthy to receive His baptism and to live as member of the Holy Church. Besides, conversion, renewal and dedication are essential. Moreover, You need be able to love God and man, and receive the Holy Spirit, the gift of God, to call upon God as Father. Listening to the word of God, let us prepare ourselves for this.*

The lectors and the celebrant make the following readings from Sacred Scripture.

First reading: I Deut.6:1-7
Second reading: Is.62:1-5
Third reading : Gal.4 :4-7
Gospel : Mt.16:13-18

Homily

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D: Standing in reverence and diligence, let us pray saying: "Lord, have mercy on us."

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That this servant who desires to follow You, may deny himself (herself) and gain lasting peace and real happiness, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That the whole world may come to know the Good News of the Gospel of Christ, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That this servant may come to know that the foolishness of the Cross is greater than the wisdom of the world, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That this servant may, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, be freed from all fear and anxiety, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That this servant may, cleansed of all enmity and hatred, and loving and serving his (her) fellow-beings, bear witness to You, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That this servant may, absolved of all sins, walk the path of holiness, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That this servant may have the enduring faith to overcome all hurdles in life, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord, our God, we commend ourselves to You.

Announcement: *Brothers and sisters, as a sign of accepting Jesus as Guru, Lord and Saviour, you may now make the profession of faith.*

C: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

People join the celebrant.

Creator of all things visible and invisible, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, the first born of all creatures, born of the Father before all ages, and not made, true God from true God, consubstantial with his Father.

Through Him the worlds were formed and all things were created. For the sake of us men and for our salvation He came down from

heaven; and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and became man, and was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered and was crucified in the days of Pontius Pilate, died and was buried; and on the third day rose again as it is written.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of his Father. He will come again to judge the dead and the living.

We believe in one Holy Spirit; the spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son)

the life giving Spirit.

We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the remission of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OR

C: Do you believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Creator of all things, visible and and invisible?

Ans: I do.

C: Do you believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of God, the first born of all creatures, born of the Father before all ages and not made?

Ans: I do.

C: Do you believe that He is the true God from true God, consubstantial with the Father, and that through Him the universe was formed and all things were created?

Ans: I do.

C: Do you believe that for the sake of men and for our salvation, He came down from Heaven and became man, and was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary?

Ans: I do.

C: Do you believe that He suffered and was crucified in the days of Pontius Pilate, died and was buried; and on the third day rose again as it was written?

Ans: I do.

C: Do you believe that He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father and that He will come again to judge the dead and the living?

Ans: I do.

C: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, Who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), the life-giving Spirit?

Ans: I do.

C: Do you believe in the one holy, catholic and apostolic Church?

Ans: I do.

C: Do you believe in the one baptism for the remission of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

Ans: I do.

C: May Almighty God strengthen you to live by the faith you have now confessed.

Giving the Cross

C: Dear brother (sister), the Cross, the symbol of Christ's redemptive work, is the very seal and hope of Christians. To remind you that you belong to Christ, I mark you + with the sign of the Cross.

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the aspirant with his right hand thumb, and then holding the cross the celebrant says:

C: May this Cross, the symbol of God's love, be for your eternal salvation *(gives the Cross to the aspirant).*

Final Blessing

The celebrant places his right hand on the head of the aspirant and prays:

C: May the Cross of Christ keep you always out of danger. May God strengthen you in your faith to live by the Law of Christ. May whoever sees your good deeds give glory to the heavenly Father. May the Lord make you worthy to receive baptism devoutly after due preparation. And may His grace remain in you, now, always ✠ *(blesses the aspirant)* and forever.

A: Amen.

Stage Three
The Lord's Prayer and the Anointing

The ceremony begins at the Bema

Announcement: *Dear brothers and sisters, the aspirant, having listened to the call of the Lord, follows Christ. Jesus Christ makes him worthy of His Kingdom, having redeemed him from the powers of darkness. He grants the aspirant the grace to hear the Good News of the Lord, and to be anointed. He renders him worthy to be reborn of water and the Spirit, and to call God "Father." May these services be the immediate preparation for the aspirant towards becoming a new creation in Jesus Christ.*

C: Glory to God in the highest. (3)

A: Amen. (3)

C: Peace and hope to people on earth, always and forever.

A: Amen.

C: Lord God, lead this brother (sister) along the path of Truth, as he (she) is preparing himself (herself) to be raised to the status of the child of God, through baptism. May his (her) efforts,

by Your grace, bear fruit. The Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

The Celebrant asks the aspirant:

C: Do you believe that the Cross, given to you as the symbol of God's love, is the source of hope and the sign of salvation?

Ans: Yes, I do.

C: May God bless you.

C: Lord God, bless this servant who desires to be Your son (daughter). Grant him (her) the grace to accept Jesus as Saviour, and to be anointed in the Holy Spirit. Make him (her) worthy to call you "Father." Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Psalm 42

C: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

(Canon) "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God".

A: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

C: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
My help and my God.

A: My soul is cast down within me,
Therefore I remember thee
From the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
From Mount Mizar.

C: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love;
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

A: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
My help and my God.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and forever Amen.

C: (Canon) Unless one is born of water and the Spirit
He cannot enter the kingdom of God.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Lord God, for all the helps and blessings You have bestowed on us and for which we can

never be grateful enough, we offer You never-ending praise and glory in the Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. You are the creator and Lord of all. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

Readings

Law: Genesis 12:1-4
Prophets: Isaiah 61:1-3, 6, 8-9
Epistle: Ephesians 4:5-6

After the readings the deacon announces:

D: Dear brothers and sisters, the celebrant now officially proclaims the Lord's Prayer to this aspirant. Let us pray for him (her) that he (she) may endure in his (her) prayer life.

Mathew 6:9-15

Homily
Karozutha

D: Offering to the Lord this brother (sister), who is going to become a son (daughter) of God through baptism, let us pray saying: "Lord, have mercy."

A: Lord, have mercy.

D: Lord, You who said no one that no one will enter the kingdom of God without being born again by water and the Spirit, give this servant the grace to become a son (daughter) of God by rebirth through baptism, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy.

D: Lord, You who received baptism in the river Jordan and showed us the example of humility, give this servant the grace to live, doing Your will, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy.

D: Lord, You who died, was buried, and rose up gloriously for us, bless this brother (sister), dead to sin and come to a new life, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy.

D: That this servant, desirous of being the temple of the Holy Spirit, be led along the path of holiness, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy.

D: That this servant, called to be a member of the Church, be adorned with all spiritual and earthly blessings, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy.

D: For the well-being of the Holy Father Pope....., the head of the Universal Church of Christ, the Major Archbishop..... the head and father of our Syro-Malabar Church, the Archbishop/Bishop Mar....., the head and father of our diocese, and for all other Bishops and their fellow-ministers, we pray:

A: Lord, have mercy.

II

S: We beseech You to send us the angel of peace and grace.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

S: For a life without sin, and for lasting peace for Your Church, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

S: For the unity of love, which is the bond of perfection, obtained through the fullness of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

S: For forgiveness of sins and for graces that help our lives and are pleasing to You, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

S: That You may always grant us Your mercy and grace, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

S: Let us commend ourselves one another and to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord, Our God, we commend ourselves to You.

C: Lord God, bless this servant whom You have called to Your Church out of infinite mercy. Help this brother (sister) grow in holiness and wisdom before God and men. Keep him (her) in the shade of Your protection until he (she) joins You in Your heavenly Kingdom. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Imposition of Hands

The celebrant places his right hand on the aspirant and prays:

C: Lord Jesus Christ, receive this servant, by anointing, into the fold of the elect. Help this brother (sister) become the temple of the Holy Spirit. May he (she) grow worthy to adore You in truth and in spirit and to offer You sacrifices of praise. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Anointing

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. now, always ✠ *(The celebrant blesses the oil)* and forever.

A: Amen.

C: Let your minds be on high.

A: Towards You, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, O glorious King.

C: To God, the Lord of all, we offer all praise and worship.

A: It is right and just.

D: Peace be with us.

C: Lord God, our loving and merciful Father, by sending Your beloved Son You have loved the world and promised us resurrection and remission of sins. The oil of anointing You gave to the forefathers, is the sign of life, empowering us to achieve the end. We adore You with the heavenly hosts. Praising You high and unceasingly, they proclaim You in one voice.

A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, the mighty God. Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who came and is to come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

If the oil is not blessed previously, it is now blessed reciting the following prayer:

Blessing the Oil

C: Lord God, may Your Holy Spirit come down and dwell in this oil, blessing it. May this oil for the administration of baptism, the symbol of Christ's suffering and resurrection, be sanctified ✠in the name of the adorable Trinity. Let this oil of anointing be a sign of life for us. By this baptism accomplished through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Saviour, may we have the fullness of sanctity, the bliss of the heavenly kingdom, and a share in Christ's priesthood. We offer praise, honour, worship and thanksgiving to You and to Your beloved Son, and to the Holy Spirit. now, ✠always *(blesses the oil)* and forever.

A: Amen.

The celebrant dipping his thumb in the holy Myron makes the sign of the cross in the holy oil saying:

C: Signed, sanctified and infused with the holy Myron, this oil becomes the sign of immortality in the baptism for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

If there is no blessing of the oil, the following prayer is said.

C: Lord God, bless Your servants, anointed with this oil, sanctified by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, that they may become the temple of the Holy Spirit and partake of the royal priesthood of Christ. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Anointing

The celebrant dips his thumb in the holy oil and anoints the forehead of the aspirant saying:

C: *(Name)* is anointed with the holy oil, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

Final Blessing

C: Lord God, we thank You for having opened the door of eternal salvation before the human race through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Shower Your blessings upon this brother (sister) who is preparing for baptism. Strengthen him (her) so that he (she) may, as a member of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, minister to the glory of God. Cleanse his (her) heart and enlighten his (her) mind that he (she) may live observing Your commandments. Now, always ✠ and *(blesses the aspirant)* for ever.

A: Amen.

Stage Four
Baptism

The ceremonies begin at the Bema:

Announcement: *Dear brothers and sisters, today the aspirant's search for the life-giving water reaches its decisive stage. He (she) is to be re-born through the baptism for the remission of sins. And filled with the Holy Spirit, he (she) is to be the temple of the Holy Trinity. He (she) will be receiving the life-giving body and blood of the Lord and prospering to a full communion with Christ. Moreover, he (she) will be welcomed into the fellowship of the members of the Mystical Body of Christ. Let us thank God Almighty for all these blessings.*

The celebrant asks the aspirant:

C: Dear brother (sister), are you resolved to embrace Jesus Christ as Saviour, and to be a member of the holy Church through baptism, in the light of your pilgrimage after Truth?

Aspirant: Yes, I am.

C: What Christian name would you wish to have?

Aspirant: I wish to have *(name)* as my Christian name.

C: From now on, you will be called *(name)*. May God bless you.

C: Glory to God in the highest. *(3)*

A: Amen. *(3)*

C: Peace and hope to people on earth, always and forever.

A: Amen.

C: Our Father in heaven,

C&A: Holy be Your name, Your kingdom come.
Holy, holy, holy are You.
Our Father in heaven,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your Glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

C: Our Father in heaven

A: Holy be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day the bread we need
and forgive us our debts and sins
as we have forgiven those who offended us .
Do not let us fall into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For, Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and forever. Amen.

C: Our Father in heaven.
Holy be Your name, Your kingdom come.
Holy, holy, holy are You.
Our Father in heaven,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your Glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

OR

C: Our Father in heaven

A: Holy be Your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day the bread we need
and forgive us our debts and sins
as we have forgiven those who offended us.
Do not let us fall into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For, Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Angels and people sing out Your glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Lord God, admit Your servant, who seeks Your grace, to the fold of Your sheep and kindle him (her) with Your grace. Make him (her) worthy to call You "Father", being reborn by water and the Holy Spirit. Strengthen us, who are weak, that we may administer this sacrament worthily. The Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Pslam 104

C: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God, you are very great.
(Canon) I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth.

A: Bless the Lord, 0 my soul, 0 Lord my God, you are very great.

C: You are clothed with honour and majesty. Wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent

A: You set the beams of your chambers on the waters.

You make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind.

C: You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

A: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

C: You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

A: When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and.forever. Amen.

C: (Canon) I praise you Father, Lord of heaven and earth.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Lord God, for all the helps and blessings You have bestowed on us and for which we can never be grateful enough, we offer You never-ending praise and glory in the Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace.

You are the Creator and Lord of all. The Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

Ch & A: Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ, we glorify You. For You are the one who raises our bodies, and saves our souls.

C&D: Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ, we glorify You. For You are the one who raises our bodies and saves our souls.

Choir & A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. From eternity and forever Amen.

Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ, we glorify You. For You are the one who raises our bodies and saves our souls.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: My Lord, You are truly the One who raises our bodies. You are the saviour of our souls, and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify You, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

D: Brothers and sisters, raise your voices and glorify the living God.

A: Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

C&D: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

Ch & A: From eternity and forever. Amen.

Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

S: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Glorious, mighty, immortal, and holy God, You are pleased to dwell in the holy ones. We beseech You. Look upon us, pardon us, and show us compassion, according to Your nature. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

The reader goes to the left side of the celebrant and faces the congregation:

D: Brothers and sisters, please be seated and listen attentively. A reading from the Book of ..... (Old Testament)

Bows for blessing

Bless me, my Lord.

The celebrant blesses the reader saying:

C: May God ✠ bless you.

OR

C: May the Lord, who enlightens us through His teachings, be glorified. May His grace always be upon you ✠ and your listeners.

Exodus 17:3-7
Ezekiel 36:24-28

Repeat this if there is more than one reading from the Old Testament. At the end of the Reading:

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God.

D Let us stand to sing the Suraya.

C: The heavens proclaim the glory of God. / Singing hymns to the Holy Spirit, / let us commemorate St.....*(name)*, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

D: The firmament declares the work of His hands.

A: Singing hymns to the Holy Spirit, / let us commemorate St.....*(name)* Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

D: The day speaks to the day incessantly.

A: Singing hymns to the Holy Spirit, / let us commemorate St.....*(name)*. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. / Singing hymns to the Holy Spirit, / let us commemorate St..... *(name)*. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

D: From eternity and forever. Amen.

A: Singing hymns to the Holy Spirit, Let us commemorate St..... *(name)*. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Lord God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of Your life-giving and divine commandments. In Your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You, Lord of all, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

OR

C: O Sovereign Lord, knowing everything, You are the source of every grace and blessing and the amazing provider for all in Your household. We beseech You to look upon us, bless us, and show us mercy in accordance with Your nature. The Father, theSon, and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

C: Amen.

The reader goes to the lectern at the right side of the celebrant, faces the congregation and says:

D: Brothers and sisters, a reading from the letter of St..... to the .....

Bows towards the celebrant

Bless me, my Lord.

The celebrant blesses the reader saying:

C: May Christ ✠ bless you.

OR

May Christ enlighten You with His teachings. In His great mercy, may He make You a true mirror for those who hear from your lips the words of His teachings.

Romans 6:3-5

The lector reads facing the congregation.
At the end of the reading:

A: Praise be to Christ, Our Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Zummara

Alleluia, sing Alleluia
Alleluia , Alleluia (2 times)

My heart is stirred by a noble theme
As I sing my ode to the king
My tongue is the pen of a nimble scribe.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning
Let it be forever, Amen.
Alleluia, sing Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia

C: Lord Jesus Christ, splendour of the Father's glory and the image of the Father, You manifested Yourself to us in human body and illumined the darkness of our minds with the light of Your Gospel. We offer You worship, glory, and thanksgiving. Lord of all, forever. Amen.

The celebrant goes to the altar, along with the candle-bearers and censer-bearer. He takes the Gospel saying:

C: Jesus Christ, the light of the world and the life of all, glory be to the infinite mercy that sent You to us. Lord of all, forever. Amen.

The celebrant takes the Gospel and goes to the Bema in procession, accompanied by two candles and censer bearers.

C: *(says in a low voice)*
Christ Our Lord, enlighten us in Your laws, inflame our minds with Your knowledge, and sanctify our souls with Your truth so that we may be faithful to Your words and obedient toYour commandments. Lord of all, forever. Amen.

D: Let us stand and listen attentively to the holy Gospel.

At the Bema the celebrant stands facing the congregation. The candle-bearers stand on either side.The censer-bearer stands in front of the Bema and incenses during the reading.

C: Peace ✠ be with you. *(The celebrant blesses the people with the Gospel)*

A: And with you and with your spirit.

C: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, as proclaimed by St. .....

A: Glory to You, Christ, Our Lord.

Gospel: Luke 4:16-22

At the end of the reading, the celebrant closes the Gospel, kisses it, and hands it over to the server, who places it on the altar. The candles are returned to their respective places.

A: Glory to You Christ, Our Lord.

Homily

Karozutha

The second deacon begins the Karosutha from the Bema.

I

D: Presenting before God this aspirant, desirous of becoming a son (daughter) of God through baptism, let us pray saying: " Lord, have mercy."

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That You send Your Holy Spirit upon this servant, as You did to the praying disciples gathered in the Sehion Banquet Hall, we pray to the Lord:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That You strengthen this servant to live a holy life in all vicissitudes of life, and to give You glory, remaining rooted in faith and filled with Your grace, we pray to the Lord:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That this servant, who receives the body and blood of Christ, the pledge of eternal life, prosper in divine love and bear witness to the love of God, we pray to the Lord:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: That You fill Your beloved, his (her) households, godparents and benefactors with Your Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord:

A: Lord, have mercy on us.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father Pope, (Name) ..... the head of the universal Church of Christ, the Major Archbishop, (Name) ....., the head and father of our Syro-Malabar Church, the Bishop Mar (Name)..... ,the head and father of our diocese and for all other Bishops and their fellow-ministers, we pray to the Lord:

A: Lord, have mercy on us .

II

D: We beseech You to send us the angel of peace and grace.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

D: For a life without sin, and for lasting peace for Your Church, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

D: For the unity of love, which is the bond of perfection, obtained through the fullness of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

D: For forgiveness of sins and for graces that help our lives and are pleasing to You, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

D: That You may always grant us Your mercy and grace, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

D: Let us commend one another and ourselves to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord, Our God, we commend ourselves to You.

C: Lord, You who have asked us to preach to all nations, making disciples of them and baptizing them, help us obey Your command. May the Church, You have commissioned to build the kingdom of God on earth, be blessed to fulfill Your will through us. May Your salvific day, on which the whole humankind may be united and assembled under one shepherd and one sheepfold, come soon. Let this sacrament we administer be, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the door to eternal life for this servant. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

D: Bless us, O Lord. Brothers and sisters, bow your heads for the imposition of hands and receive the blessing.

Everybody bows. The celebrant bows and says the following prayer in a low voice.

C: *(On Sundays and Feast Days)*
Lord, Almighty God, Yours is the Holy catholic Church, the flock, redeemed through the passion and suffering of Your Anointed Son. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, who is one in

Divine Being with You, the orders of true priesthood are conferred through the imposition of hands. In Your great mercy, You have made us worthy — weak and lowly though we are — to be distinctive members of Your mystical body, the Church, to minister to the faithful. Lord, fill us with Your mercy and grace, and pour forth Your blessings through our hands. May Your mercy and blessings be on us and on this Your chosen people.

C: *(On Weekdays and during Lent)*

Lord God, extend Your merciful right hand over the universal and apostolic Church. Protect it from every danger, visible and invisible. In Your compassion make us worthy to minister in Your presence with devotion, diligence, and purity.

Resuming a straight posture, the celebrant prays raising his voice:

C: Merciful God, bless us. Grant that all of us, as one body, may properly please You throughout our lives, by works of justice that reconcile us with You. Make us worthy to offer You never-ending praise, homage, thanksgiving, and adoration. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Profession of Faith

C: We believe in One God, the Father Almighty,

C&A: Creator of all things visible and invisible, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, the first born of all creatures, born of the Father before all ages, and not made, true God from true God, consubstantial with his Father. Through Him the worlds were formed and all things were created. For the sake of us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven; and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and became man, and was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered and was crucified in the days of Pontius Pilate, died and was buried; and on the third day rose again as it is written. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of His Father. He will come again to judge the dead and the living. We believe in one Holy Spirit; the spirit of truth, Who proceeds from the Father (and the Son) the life-giving Spirit. We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the remission of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

All go to the baptistery in procession. In the meantime the following hymn may be sung.

Praise and Glory
Lord God Holy
Angles honour
Thy name, ever.

John, the Baptist
Prepared the Lord's way
Gospel of penitence
Preached, the Prophet.

Jesus at Jordan
Bowed most meekly
Burdened by men's sins
Embracing Baptism.

Spotless, Lord God
Cleanse us sinners
Shower your blossom
The grace of Baptism.

After reaching the baptistery:

D: Announcement: *Dear brethren, the celebrant starts praying for himself in preparation for administering holy baptism that gives the divine life, and the holy anointing that showers the graces of the Holy Spirit. Standing in reverence and diligence, let us now pray in silence.*

C: Lord, You who seek out the lost and gather up the scattered, have chosen this humble servant for priestly ministry in Your Church. Receiving baptism from John the Baptist in Jordan to fulfill all righteousness, You also appointed apostles to administer the same in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You shower the Church with the gift of the Holy Spirit; through the imposition of hands by the apostles and their successors. Grant me the grace to administer this sacrament in a worthy manner, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Blessing the Water

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship the Holy Spirit be with us all. Now, always ✠ *(Blesses the oil and water)* and forever.

A: Amen.

C: Let your minds be on high.

A: Towards You, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, O glorious King.

C: To God, the Lord of all, we offer all praise and worship.

A: It is right and just.

D: Peace be with us.

C: Lord God, May the Holy Spirit, who descended on Jesus when He received baptism in the Jordan, and who renews the human nature, come down on this water and dwell in it. Those who are baptized in this water may attain salvation. Purified in body and soul, may we be found worthy to offer praise, honour and thanksgiving. Now and always ✠and forever.

A: Amen.

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross in the water saying:

C: To be the new womb of spiritual birth through baptism of forgiveness of sins, this water is blessed and mingled with the holy oil. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

The celebrant, dipping his finger in the Myron, marks the sign of the cross in the water.

Baptizing

Baptism is given: by immersing the candidate in the water thrice; or by making

the candidate sit in the water and pouring the water over the head thrice in the form of the cross; or by pouring the water over the head thrice in the form of the cross.

C: *(Name)* is baptized in the name of the Father ✠

Resp: Amen.

C: and of the Son ✠

Resp: Amen.

C: and of the Holy Spirit ✠

Resp: Amen.

D: Dear brethren, the celebrant begins to sign this servant with the plenitude of the grace of the Holy Spirit. Staying devout and diligent, let us pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The celebrant asks the candidate:

C: Being filled with the Holy Spirit and confirmed in faith, do you desire to witness to Christ?

A: Yes, I do.

C: May God bless you.

All together sing the Hymn to the Holy Spirit.

O! Holy Spirit
Descended on disciples
Dawn on the faithful
Fill us with grace.

Gift us with holy love
Make us serene, Lord
Refresh and renew us
The downtrodden lot.

Kindle the glow of faith
Inside desperate minds
Brighten the drooping eyes
Wiping the tear drops.

Bring in the breeze of cool
Into the parched lands.
Blossom the withered branch
Pouring your gifts.

D: Dear brothers and sisters, in preparation for signing this servant with the holy Myron, the celebrant now prays for himself. Staying devout and diligent, let us pray in silence.

C: Lord, Almighty God, we thank You for the infinite mercy by which You sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and strengthened them. You shower the Church with the gift of the Holy Spirit, through the imposition of hands by the apostles and their successors. Make me,

O Lord, this humble self, worthy to administer this gift to this servant. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

Imposition of Hands

The celebrant places both his hands on the aspirants' head and prays:

C: God our Father, You have granted us, through baptism, new birth, membership in the mystical Body of Christ, and title to eternal life. Sign this servant with the promised Spirit and give him (her) the spirit of filiation that he (she) may call You "Abba", Father. Empower him (her), being filled with the divine Spirit, through the imposition of hands, to live as a brave soldier, bearing witness to the Gospel, and as a loyal servant of the Church. May he (she) be filled with Your Spirit's fruits of love, peace, happiness, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, meekness and self-control. By Your grace, may he (she) be blessed to live a life undefiled. We offer praise, honour, and worship to You, to Your beloved Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now, always ✠ *(Blesses the candidate)* and forever.

A: Amen.

Anointing

The celebrant, after dipping his thumb in Myron, recites the following formula and anoints the candidate on his(her) forehead in the form of the cross.

C: *(Name),* having been baptized, is now perfected and confirmed. In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Asp: Amen.

After anointing, the celebrant recites the following prayer:

C: Lord God, may the life-giving sign and the fullness of the grace of the Holy Spirit that he (she) has received, the new life he (she) has begun, and the armour of fairness he (she) is wearing, shield him (her) from the enemy's harm. May he (she) be blessed to exude the divine fragrance of Christ in his (her) life.

A: Amen.

Crowning

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit *(Name)* is adorned with the crown of life as the sign of spiritual joy and eternal bliss.

The celebrant crowns the candidate. All go in procession to the sanctuary door. In the meantime the following hymn is sung.

Son of God, at River Jordan
While embracing Baptism
Heaven's portals wide open
Halleluiah! Holy name.

Behold! Beloved Son of God
Abba's Voice, heard from high
Reverberated earth and sky
Halleluiah! Holy name.

Holy Spirit, celestial Dove
Descending from firmament
Living water refresh life
Sanctifying soul and heart.

On reaching the sanctuary door, the Holy Qurbana is resumed, beginning with 'Onitha de Raze'. After Holy Communion, the deacon recites the prayer of exhortation "Let us glorify God, by the grace of the Holy Spirit". Then the celebrant hands in the Bible and a lighted candle to the candidate.

C: *(giving the Bible to the candidate)* May Christ the Saviour bless you to live by the word of God.

Resp: Amen.

C: *(giving the lighted candle)* Let your light shine before all people that they may, seeing your good works, glorify the Father in heaven.

Resp: Amen.

Instead of the concluding prayers of the Holy Qurbana, the following prayers are said:

Concluding Prayers

C: Loving God and Father, You have fulfilled in this servant Your promise of the Holy Spirit. We praise You for having made this son (daughter) of Yours co-heir with Christ and rich in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Bless this servant that he (she) may become Your living temple and glorify You in truth and spirit. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

C: May the prayer of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph, the holy Apostles, our Father St. Thomas, the Confessors, Saints and all the Blessed in the Church, and of the patron saint of the parish, assist this servant towards the fullness of Christian perfection. May the

intercession of the patron saint of this brother (sister) be a support in his (her) life's journey.

A: Amen.

Final blessing

C: Blessed be the God who has raised us, through baptism, to the status of the children of God. Having received the Holy Spirit, may we become daring missionaries, doing the will of God and bearing witness to the Gospel. May the precious Body and Blood we have received be the cause of remission of sins and everlasting life. Being supportive in dangers, consoling in sorrows, and helpful in trials, may He shield us until we enter the heavenly bliss that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, and the heart has not yet enjoyed. May God bless this brother (sister) who has come to the communion of the Church, and all who have led him (her) to faith in Jesus, including all who have participated in today's services. Now, always ✠ *(the celebrant blesses all)* and forever.

A: Amen.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

General Instructions

1. On special occasions (eg. parish day, feasts, beginning of Lent etc.), it is desirable to have a common reconciliation service to prepare people for the sacrament, and then to give them opportunity for private confession.The 'Rite of Reconciliation' may be used for this.

2. People shall be exhorted to frequent reception of this sacrament as a means of growing in holiness.

3. Besides the clerical dress, the celebrant shall wear at least the stole (urara) while administering the sacrament of reconciliation. When the 'Rite of Reconciliation' is administered in common, the celebrant need wear the vestments for the holy Qurbana.

When the penitent, approaches for private confession, the priest says :

C: May the merciful Lord bless ✠ *(blesses the penitent)* you.

Penit: Amen.

OR

C: May the merciful Jesus lead you to repentance and help you to confess ✠ *(Blesses the penitent)* your sins.

Penit: Amen.

OR

C: Peace be with us. Lord, we raise our hearts to you. You are our hope and salvation. In your mercy forgive our debts and sins as becomes your nature. Now, always ✠ *(Blesses the penitent)* and for ever.

Penit: Amen.

The penitent confesses sins and the priest gives timely advice and penance. Then stretching out his right hand over the penitent he says:

C: By the grace of the Lord who sanctifies the repentant sinners, you are absolved of all your sins. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ *(Blesses the penitent)* and of the Holy Spirit.

Penit: Amen.

OR

C: May the Lord, who sanctifies the repentant sinners, absolve you from your sins and make you

worthy of eternal life. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ *(Blesses the penitent)* and of the Holy Spirit.

Penit: Amen.

OR

C: Lord, You who takes away the sins and sanctifies the sinner, graciously wash away the stains of this servant and make him (her) clean. By Your grace, freed from all sins, may he (she) be found worthy of eternal life. Now, always ✠ *(Blesses the penitent)* and forever.

Penit: Amen.

The celebrant continues:

C: May God, who made you reconciled with Himself, bless you to live in communion with the Church and your brethren. May He help you carry out the renewal of life you have begun. Go in peace.

The Rite of Giving Absolution in Danger of Death

C: May the Lord, who sanctifies the repentant sinners, forgive your sins and make you worthy of eternal life. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ *(Blesses the person)* and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Blessing for Receiving a Priest under Censure into the Communion of the Church

C: Gracious God, how unique are the gifts You shower upon us. Stretch out Your right hand of mercy upon this brother. Fill him with the gifts of Your Holy Spirit. May he administer with sanctity the divine and life-giving sacred mysteries. May he offer sacrifices and gifts on the holy altar for the sake of Your chosen people. May he live like one worthy of being Your son. May this brother, re-ushered into communion with the Church and the priestly community, be blessed to fare well doing Your will and keeping Your commandments. May he serve in the Church with a clean conscience and a pure heart. We offer praise, glory, thanksgiving and worship to You and to Your beloved Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now, always ✠ *(Blesses the priest making the sign of cross on his forehead)* and forever.

Resp: Amen.

Prayer of Blessing for Receiving a Lay Person under Censure into the Communion of the Church.

Cel: Gracious God, how unique are the gifts You shower upon us. Stretch out Your right hand of mercy upon this brother (sister). Fill him (her) with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May he (she) live like a person worthy of being Your son (daughter). God of forgiveness, bless this servant, re-ushered into communion with the Church, to fare well as a faithful son (daughter) of the Church. Nourished by the holy sacraments, may he (she) prosper daily in sanctity. May he (she) live a blessed life by seeking refuge in the Cross, the sign of redemption. Now, always, ✠ *(Blesses the person)* and forever.

Resp: Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

General Instructions

1. The celebrant wears kotina, sunara, urara, sande and paina.
2. There shall be a table on the Bema to keep the thali, manthrakodi (rings, rosaries and garlands).
3. The lamp (Nilavilakku) / candle shall be kept ready for lighting during the ceremony.
4. The giving of peace before Gospel reading shall be done with the Gospel itself.
5. The four scriptural readings may be limited to two or three. If there are only two readings, the first shall be from the Epistles.
6. While taking the pledge, the bride and the bridegroom shall place their right hands on the Gospel.

The bride, and the groom, accompanied by their relatives and friends, enter the church through the main door and proceed to the Bema. With the proper liturgical vestments on and flanked by the servers, the celebrant proceeds to the Bema from

the sacristy. Meanwhile, the choir sings the opening hymn.

Hymn

Melodious moments
Of Cherubian Symphony
Delicious moments
As portals of heaven
Wide open in joy.

Sanctified moments
As Heavenly Father.
Blesses the couple
At Home of Eden
Paradise of Peace.

"Covenant in the beginning
Made Israel, my Beloved".
Sanctify O! Lord
Render grace to remain
Faithful to the end.

New family in Church
Through Covenant with Christ
By Sacrament of Love
Blossom O! Lord
Each of our bough.

When the procession reaches the Bema, the deacon receives the Thali, Mandrakodi (rings, rosaries, garlands, etc.) and places

them on the table. Keeping the right and the left respectively, the groom bride and the groom, flanked by two witnesses, stand in front of the Bema.

C: Glory to God in the highest. (*3*)

A: Amen. (*3*)

C: Peace and hope to people on earth, always and forever.

A: Amen.

C: Our Father in heaven,

C&A: Holy be Your name, Your kingdom come.
Holy, holy, holy are You.
Our Father in heaven, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your Glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

Our Father in heaven,
holy be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day the bread we need
and forgive us our debts and sins
as we have forgiven those who offended us.
Do not let us fall into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and forever, Amen.

C: Our Father in heaven,

C & A: Holy be Your name, Your kingdom come.
Holy, holy, holy are You.
Our Father in heaven,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your Glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

OR

C: Our Father in heaven

A: Holy be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day the bread we need
and forgive us our debts and sins
as we have forgiven those who offended us .
Do not let us fall into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Lord God, You have called these servants to be united in holy matrimony and to live in union of hearts. Graciously enrich this bride and the groom with Your heavenly gifts, and help them form an ideal family that observes Your commandments. Enable us, O Lord, to administer this sacrament worthily for Your glory and for the good of the whole human race. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Psalm 45, 128

C: Hear, O daughter, consider, and incline your ear;
Forget your people and your father's house.

(Canon) Rejoice, O Church, the spouse of our Saviour,

God the Eternal has chosen you as His spouse by love.

A: The princess is decked in her chamber
With gold-woven robes;

C: In many-coloured robes she is led to the king,
Behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.

A: With joy and gladness they are led along
As they enter the palace of the king.
I will cause your name
to be celebrated in all generations.

C: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
Within your house;
Your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

A: Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
The Lord bless you from Zion.
All the days of your life.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and forever, Amen.
(Canon) Rejoice O Church, the spouse of our Saviour,

God the Eternal has chosen you as His spouse by love.

The deacons bring the censer and frankincense. The celebrant puts some frankincense into the censer and blesses it praying in a low voice:

C: May this incense, we offer in Your honour, be blessed ✠ in the Name of Your most Holy Trinity. May it be pleasing to You and obtain forgiveness of sins for Your flock. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, forever.

D: Amen. Peace be with us.

On Sundays and Feast Days

C: Lord God, when the sweet fragrance of Your love wafts over us and when our souls are enlightened with the knowledge of Your truth may we be found worthy to receive Your beloved Son as He appears from heaven. May we also glorify You and praise You unceasingly in Your Church, crowned like a spouse, with every goodness and grace. For You are the Lord and Creator of all forever and ever.

A: Amen.

On Days of Commemorations and Ordinary Days

C: Lord God, for all the helps and blessings You have bestowed on us and for which we can never be grateful enough, we offer You never-ending praise and glory in the Church, crowned like a spouse, with every goodness and grace. You are the Creator and Lord of all, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

The sanctuary veil is drawn. The server enters the sanctuary and incenses, proceeding from the left of the altar to the right. In the middle, he incenses the congregation. The celebrant lights the lamp or candle saying:

C: May Christ who said: "I am the light of the world; He who follows me will not walk in darkness," be our beacon all the way.

Choir & A: Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ, we glorify You. For You are the one who raises our bodies, and saves our souls.

C&D: It is proper to thank You and praise Your name.

Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ, we

glorify You. For You are the One who raises our bodies and saves our souls.

Choir & A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. From all eternity and forever. Amen.

Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ, we glorify You. For You are the One who raises our bodies and saves our souls.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: My Lord, You are truly the One who raises our bodies. You are the saviour of our souls, and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify You, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

D: Brothers and sisters, raise your voices and, glorify the living God.

Choir & A: Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

C & D: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

Choir & A: From all eternity and forever. Amen.

Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Glorious, mighty, immortal, and holy God, You are pleased to dwell in the holy ones. We beseech You. Look upon us, pardon us, and show us compassion, according to Your nature. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

D: Brothers and sisters, please be seated and listen attentively.

D: A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 1:26-28

OR
2:18-24

Bows for blessing

Bless me, my Lord.

The celebrant blesses the reader saying

C: May God ✠ bless you.

OR

C: May the Lord, who enlightens us through His teachings, be glorified. May His grace always be upon you ✠ and your listeners.

Repeat this if there is more than one reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 61:10-11

OR

Proverbs 31:10-31

OR

Sirach 26:1-4,13-17

At the end of the Reading:

A: Praise be to the Lord, our God.

D: Let us stand to sing the Suraya.

Suraya

(Psalm 128:3-6)

Universe sings hymns to God
Blue horizon sings glory.

Rejoice! All sing Halleluiah
Praise and Glory Halleluiah

Day to day sing praise to Lord
Earth and sky sing glory to God
Rejoice all .....

Praise to Abba Praise to Son
Praise to Holy Spirit our God
Rejoice all.....

As in the beginning, as today
Praise in days forever to come
Rejoice all.....

OR

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house. Your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
From all eternity and forever. Amen.

(On Sundays and Feast Days)

Lord, God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of Your life-giving and divine commandments. In Your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may

constantly praise You, Lord of all, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

(On other Days and on Sundays in Lent)

C: O Sovereign Lord, knowing everything, You are the source of every grace and blessing and the amazing provider for all in Your household. We beseech You. Look upon us, bless us, and show us mercy in accordance with Your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all forever.

A: Amen.

The first deacon takes the book of the Epistles and, facing the people, says:

D: Brethren, a reading from the letter of St.Paul to the Ephesians.

Eph 5:20-33.

OR

1 Pet 3:1-7

After the reading

A: Praise be to Christ Our Lord.

D: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Zummara
Psalm 45

Let us sing in unison
Let us sing in symphony
My heart leaps with good tidings
Halleluiah! Praise O! God!

Let my tongue be divine pen
Jotting down in honeyed word
Halleluiah, songs of praise
Novel songs in melody.

C: *(in a low voice)* Lord Jesus Christ, splendour of the Father's glory,and the image of the Father. You manifested Yourself to us in human body and illumined the darkness of our minds with the light of Your Gospel. We offer You worship, glory, and thanksgiving. Lord of all, forever. Amen

The celebrant goes to the altar, along with the censer-bearer and the candle-bearers, and takes the Gospel saying:

C: Jesus Christ, the light of the world and the life of all, glory be to the infinite mercy that sent You to us, forever. Amen.

The celebrant proceeds to the Bema, accompanied by the candle-bearers and the censer-bearer.

C: (in a low voice) Lord Christ, enlighten us in Your laws, inflame our minds with Your knowledge, and sanctify our souls with Your truth so that we may be faithful to your words and obedient to Your commandments. Lord of all, forever.

Amen.

S: Let us stand and listen attentively to the holy Gospel.

At the Bema the celebrant stands facing the congregation. Two servers, with lighted candles, stand on either side. The censer-bearer stands in front of the Bema and incenses during the reading.

C: Peace ✠ be with you.

A: And with you and with your spirit.

C: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, as proclaimed by... .

Jn 2:1-11

OR

Mt 19:3-6

OR

Mk 10:2-9

A: Glory to You, Christ, Our Lord.

At the end of the reading, the celebrant closes the Gospel, kisses it, and hands it over to the server, who lays it on the altar. The candles are returned to their respective places.

A: Glory to You, Christ, Our Lord.

Homily

Karozutha

D: In reverence and exultation, let us pray for this bride and groom, to be united in holy matrimony, saying: " Lord, have mercy on them."

A: Lord, have mercy on them.

D: 0 heavenly Bridegroom, who offered His life for His bride, the Church, bless this couple to live a life of sacrifices in mutual love and unity, we pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on them.

D: 0 Christ, who invites all to the spiritual banquet of the word of God, bless this couple to be partakers of the heavenly Banquet, having lived an exemplary family life according to Your precepts, we pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on them.

D: 0 Christ, who taught the indissolubility of marriage, bless this couple to live a happy married life of chastity and fidelity, we pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on them.

D: 0 Christ, who favoured the bride and the groom in the marriage feast at Cana with Your presence, bless this couple to live a life of prayer, trusting in Your help and relishing Your graceful presence, we pray.

A: Lord, have mercy on them.

II

S: We beseech You to send us the angel of peace and grace.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

S: For a life without sin, and of lasting peace for Your Church, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

S: For the unity of love, which is the bond of perfection, obtained through the fullness of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

S: For the forgiveness of sins, and for graces that help our lives and are pleasing to You, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

S: That You may always grant us Your mercy and grace, we beseech You.

S: Lord, we beseech You.

S: Let us commend one another and ourselves to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we beseech You.

A: Lord God, we commend ourselves to you.

C: Lord God, bless this bride and groom to lead with success the married life they begin in joy and hope. Fill them with Your peace and make them worthy to obtain the everlasting crown You have promised Your servants. Be gracious to the parents and the dear ones who raised this couple in Your love, and bless all who participate in this sacred ceremony. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

C: Amen.

D: (Announcement) *Dear brothers and sisters, the bride and the groom are going to be united in the sacrament of holy matrimony. The*

celebrant prays for himself that he may administer this sacrament worthily. In reverence and attentiveness, let us now pray in silence.

C: 0 God, who, in the beginning, blessed man with a life-partner, we praise Your eternal providence. Strengthen me, Your servant, to administer worthily this sacrament that binds this bride and groom in love. Shower upon me Your abundant graces. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Hymn Ps.98:4, 2. Ps.45:11)

Rejoice beloved daughter well
Virtue adorned bridal dame
Enter into nuptial bliss
Into the castle, divine home.

Shedding His own flesh and blood
Precious dowry, paid your Lord
Sacrificing His own life
On the Cross He earned your soul.

Bestowing His Grace on you
Cleansing all dark spots in you
Renovates your soul afresh
Upbringing your children well.

Rejoice brethren, in His Home
With the couple, bride and Lord
Sing in joy and harmony
Praise and glory to His name!

The Nuptial Covenant

The celebrant, calling the bridegroom by his name asks:

C: *(Name of the bridegroom)* In compliance with the Law of Christ and in accord with the teachings of the Church, with free will and full consent, do you take *(Name of the bride)*, as your wife?

Bridegroom: Yes. I do.

The celebrant calling the bride by her name asks:

C: *(Name of the bride)* In compliance with the Law of Christ and in accord with the teachings of the Church, with free will and full consent, do you take *(Name of the bridegroom)* as your husband?

Bride: Yes. I do.

C: (To the witnesses) And you are witnesses to this?

Witnesses: Yes, we are.

C: *(To the couple)* As a symbol of this nuptial covenant, you may now join your right hands.

C: May the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob be with you. May our Lord, Jesus Christ, bind you in holy matrimony to a family life of love and oneness of minds. In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ *(blesses the couple and sprinkles holy water on the hands joined)* and of the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

Blessing the Thali

C: 0 Lord, You, by Your death on the cross, have earned the Church as Your bride, bless ✠ this thali that unites the bride and the groom in mutual trust and love. May this thali, the very symbol of unity, bind them to indivisible love and fullness of fidelity. May the cross, embossed on it, give them strength to bear cheerfully the sorrows of life, and to lead a life pleasing to You. May this also be a symbol of their fidelity *(sprinkles holy water upon the thali)*.

A: Amen.

Blessing the Rings

C: 0 Lord God, bless these rings the bride and the groom exchange as symbol of their mutual love and fidelity. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit *(sprinkles holy water upon the rings)*.

A: Amen.

Blessing the Manthrakodi

C: 0, merciful Lord, who adorns the human soul with the enduring mantle of grace, bless ✠ this manthrakodi. Help this bride and groom put You on through their mutual love and self-giving. 0 Lord, who clothed the holy Church, Your bride, in the mantle of glory, make this couple worthy to put on the robe of glory in heaven after a life of sanctity on earth *(sprinkles holy water on the Manthrakodi)*.

A: Amen.

The celebrant hands in the thali to the groom who ties it around the bride's neck. If rings are there the bride and groom exchange them on each other's fingers. If rosaries are there the celebrant gives them to the bride and the groom. (Garlanding may be done at this time). The celebrant gives the manthrakodi to the groom who

either spreads it on the bride's head, or hands in the same to the bride. As the groom ties the Thali, the choir sings the following hymn

HYMN

Shower of grace bestowed on you
Jesus our Lord, bridegroom of love
Merging the earth with heaven above
Proffering bliss on nuptial day.

Greetings to you
Greetings to lead
Sanctified life
As Mary and Joseph
Jesus, the child
Offered a life of penance and peace.

Greetings to you
Greetings to lead
Witnessing Life
As Sarah and Tobias
Virtuous couple
Offered a life of justice and love.

The Matrimonial Pledge

The bride and the groom place their right hands on the Gospel, and as the celebrant prompts the pledge, the couple repeats the words after him.

Bride & Bridegroom: We pledge, /by the holy Gospel,/
to live in love and fidelity,/
and with oneness of mind,/ in joy and sorrow,/
in wealth and want,/ in health and sickness,/
from this day,/
till the hour of our death,
May the almighty God,/ help us to live,/ in accord with this promise./

D: *(To the couple)* Brethren, bow your heads and receive the blessing.

The bride and the groom bow their heads. The celebrant, extending his right hand over them, prays:

C: May Almighty God bless you. May He enrich you with internal beauty and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May Christ, the Head of the Church, be always your sovereign and protector. May He be your friend in all your doings, and tone up your life with all mental, physical and temporal well-being. May He help you receive gladly the children God may deign to bless you with and lead them in the path of holiness. And may He make you worthy to offer Him praise, worship and thanksgiving forever.

A: Amen.

If the Holy Qurbana is to follow, then it is resumed, beginning with Onitha d' Raze.

Concluding Prayers

C: Lord God, stretch out Your right hand of mercy upon this couple. Keep them in the shade of Your protection. O, God, Who blessed Abraham and Sarah, we thank You for the providence that bound them in indivisible unity. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen Lord bless us.

C: Lord Christ, look favourably upon this couple. May the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother, and St Joseph, the head of the Holy Family, help them prosper in their family life. May the prayers of all the saints support them all the way. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Final Blessing

C: Blessed be God, the merciful One, who, out of His immense love, created humankind as male and female, and made them participate in the work of creation. May He, through the sacrament of holy matrimony, keep you in pure love and perfect dedication. May this

sacrament empower you to offer your bodies that are members of the body of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit, as a pleasing and living sacrifice to God. May God bless you with the gift of children. May your home prosper in a communion of prayers. May He fill your life with graces, and help your hopes and aspirations bloom. May He grant you lots of sincere friends to help you in need. May He make you worthy to offer Him praise, honour and thanksgiving in the heavenly bridal chamber. May God bless you, the newly wed, and all who have partaken in this sacred service. Now, always ✠ *(blesses all)* and forever.

The celebrant sprinkles holy water upon the couple.

A: Amen.

The Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

General Instructions

1. It is desirable to administer this rite with a short introduction.

2. It is desirable, whenever possible, to prepare the sick persons with a common reconciliation service, and then administer the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing individually.

3. Have a cross, Gospel and lighted candles on a table near the sick person. If holy Communion is given, arrange for the needful.

4. It is desirable that the oil for anointing be blessed during the celebration of the rite itself.

5. Vegetable oils like olive oil, coconut oil, and gingily oil may be used for anointing.

6. If needed, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is administered.

7. The celebrant wears either kotina, sunara and urara or urara alone.

The celebrant, entering the room of the sick person, says:

C: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

A: Amen.

C: May Christ, who, through baptism, made us participate in His death and resurrection, sanctify you.

A: Amen.

The celebrant sprinkles holy water on the people, and in the room

C: Glory to God in the highest. *(3)*

A: Amen. *(3)*

C: Peace and hope to people on earth, always and forever.

A: Amen.

C: Our Father in Heaven

C&A: Holy be Your name, Your kingdom come.
Holy, holy, holy are You.
Our Father in heaven, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your Glory; Holy, holy, holy are You.

Our Father in heaven,
Holy be You name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day the bread we need
and forgive us our debts and sins
as we have forgiven those who offended us .
Do not let us fall into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and forever. Amen.

C: Our Father in heaven,

C&A Holy be Your name, Your kingdom come.
Holy, holy, holy are You.
Our Father in heaven,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your Glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

OR

C: Our Father in heaven

A: Holy be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day the bread we need
and forgive us our debts and sins
as we have forgiven those who offended us .
Do not let us fall into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
Our Father in heaven, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Angels and people sing out Your glory;
Holy, holy, holy are You.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Merciful Lord, inflame our hearts with the fire of Your love. By sending Your Holy Spirit comfort this brother (sister), afflicted spiritually and physically. Lord, who gives health to the sick, grant healing to this servant through this sacred anointing. And make us worthy to administer this sacrament with purity of heart. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Psalm 32

C: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
(Canon) It is not the healthy but the sick who need the physician.

A: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity; and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

C: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

A: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity.

C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord", and you did forgive the guilt of my sin.

A: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and forever Amen.

C: *(Canon)* It is not the healthy but the sick who need the physician.

OR

Psalm 51

C: Have mercy on me, 0 God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

(Canon) To you 0 Lord, I lift up my soul. Let me not be put into shame.

A: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

C: For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me.

A: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight.

C: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean.

A: Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

A: From eternity and forever. Amen.

C: *(Canon)* To you 0 Lord, I lift up my soul. Let me not be put into shame.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: O Christ, who came down as light and life for those dwelling in darkness and in the shadow of death, pour out Your grace upon us. We

thank You, Lord, for You have freed us, from the bondage of sin through baptism, and made us children of God. You have given us Your body and blood as the pledge and foretaste of the heavenly banquet. You have consoled the sick with healing. Be gracious, Lord, to this brother (sister). Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

A: Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ we glorify You; for You are the One who raises our bodies and saves our souls.

C: And the Lord will take away all infirmities from you.

Lord of all, we praise You. Jesus Christ we glorify you; for You are the One who raises our bodies and saves our souls.

A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. From eternity and forever. Amen.

Lord of all we praise you. Jesus Christ we glorify You; for You are the one who raises our bodies and saves our souls.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: My Lord, You are truly the One who raises our bodies. Your are the saviour of our souls

and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify you. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

D: Brothers and sisters, raise your voices and glorify the living God.

A: Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

A: From eternity and forever. Amen.

Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Glorious mighty, immortal, and holy God, You are pleased to dwell in the holy ones. We beseech you. Look upon us, pardon us, and show us compassion, according to Your nature. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

C: Lord God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of Your life-giving and divine commandments. In Your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You, Lord of all, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen.

OR

C: O Sovereign Lord, knowing everything, You are the source of every grace and blessing and the amazing provider for all in Your household. We beseech You. Look upon us, bless us, and show us mercy in accordance with Your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

The reader goes to the lectern at the right side of the celebrant, facing the congregation

D: Brothers and sisters, a reading from the letter of ... .

Bows towards the celebrant

Bless me, my Lord.

James 5:13-16
OR
Acts 3:1-10
OR
Rom 8:14-18.

The celebrant blesses the reader saying:

May Christ ✠ bless you.

OR

C: May Christ enlighten you with His teachings. In His great mercy, may He make you a true mirror for those who hear from your lips the words of His teachings.

Reads facing the congregation; At the end of the reading

A: Praise be to Christ, Our Lord.

D: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

C: (in a low voice) Lord, Jesus Christ, splendour of the Father's glory, and the image of the Father. You manifested Yourself to us in human body and illumined the darkness of our minds with the light of Your Gospel. We offer You

worship, glory, and thanksgiving, Lord of all, forever. Amen.

The celebrant takes the Gospel saying:

C: Jesus Christ, the light of the world and the life of all, glory be to the infinite mercy that sent You to us, forever. Amen.

C: *(in a low voice)* Christ Our Lord, enlighten us in Your laws, inflame our minds with Your knowledge, and sanctify our souls with Your truth so that we may be faithful to Your words and obedient to Your commandments. Lord of all, forever. Amen.

D: Let us stand and listen attentively to the holy Gospel.

C: Peace ✠ be with you.

A: And with you and with your spirit.

C: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, as proclaimed by... .

Mt.15:25-31

OR

Lk 7:18-23

A: Glory to You, Christ, Our Lord.

At the end of the reading

A: Glory to You Christ, Our Lord.

The celebrant closes the Gospel, kisses it and gives it to the server.

Karozutha

D: Let us pray to the Lord, who healed the sick and forgave the sinners, saying: "Have mercy on this brother (sister)."

A: Have mercy on this brother (sister).

D: Lord, who taught us the greatness of suffering by dying on the cross, we pray:

A: Have mercy on this brother (sister).

D: Lord, who offered himself fully to the Father saying: "It is not my will but yours be done!", we pray:

A: Have mercy on this brother (sister).

D: Lord, who asked the paralytic to get up and go home, taking his bed, we pray:

A: Have mercy on this brother (sister).

D: Lord, who heals the sick by faith and anointing, we pray:

A: Have mercy on this brother (sister).

II

D: We beseech You to send us the angel of peace and grace.

A: Lord, we beseech you.

D: For a life without sin and of lasting peace for Your Church, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

D: For the unity of love, which is the bond of perfection, obtained through the fullness of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

D: For the forgiveness of sins, and for graces that help our lives and are pleasing to You, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

D That You may always grant us Your mercy and grace, we beseech You.

A: Lord, we beseech You.

D: Let us commend one another and ourselves to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord God, we commend ourselves to You.

C: We praise You, Lord, for You give health to the sick, forgiveness to the sinners, and comfort to the sorrowing. Accept, 0 Lord, our prayers for this brother (sister), suffering from physical and spiritual afflictions. May Your healing touch grant him (her) relief. Bless him (her) abundantly that he (she) may bear cheerfully all discomfort and ailments, and submit himself (herself) to Your holy will. Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

If the oil of anointing is not blessed earlier, it is done now.

C: 0 merciful Lord, who brings healing to the sick, bless this oil by sending Your Holy Spirit. May this oil be a divine cure for all illnesses. May this anointing relieve pain, remove distress, heal wounds and restore health to body and soul. May we offer praise, honour, worship and thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity, Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Imposition of Hands

The celebrant places his right hand on the sick person and prays:

C: Christ, who told the disciples that the sick would get well if they placed their hands on them, may grant you healing. May He forgive your sins and bring you solace. May He help you embrace your distress and sufferings as salvific. May He send His heavenly hosts to bring you comfort. May He bless abundantly your dear ones and those serving you. Now, always, ✠ and forever *(blesses the person)*.

A: Amen.

Anointing

D: (Announcement) *The Sacred Scriptures tell us that the holy anointing will heal the sick. We have also listened to James the Apostle, who says that the anointing done in faith will cure whoever is ill. Christ came to bring health to the sick and to retrieve the lost ones. That is why He calls Himself the true physician and healer. Human consolation and peace are passing and short-lived while the peace that Jesus gives is enduring and eternal. With unwavering faith, let us do this holy anointing. May you all in silence pray for the spiritual and physical well-being of this brother (sister).*

C: *(making the sign of the cross with holy oil on the forehead of the sick person)* For spiritual and physical healing (Name of the sick person) is anointed and sanctified; In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

C: (anointing the eyelids) If your eyes, that saw the glory of God, have caused you to sin, may God forgive you. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

C: (anointing *the ears*) If your ears, that heard the word of God, have caused you to sin, may God forgive you. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

C: (anointing *the lips*) If your lips, that sang the divine praises, have caused you to sin, may God forgive you. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

C: (anointing the hands) If your hands, that were used to help others, have caused you to sin, may God forgive you. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

C: (anointing *the feet*) If your feet, that walked in the house of God, have caused you to sin, may God forgive you. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

For Priests

C: (anointing the eyelids) If your eyes, that saw the glory of God, have caused you to sin, may God forgive you. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

C: (anointing *the ears*) If your ears, that heard the word of God, have caused you to sin, may God forgive you. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

C: (anointing *the lips*) If your lips, that proclaimed the word of God, have caused you to sin, may God forgive you. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

C: (anointing the hands) If your hands, that celebrated the holy Qurbana, have caused you to sin, may God forgive you. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

C: (anointing *the feet*) If your feet, that walked in the sanctuary, have caused you to sin, may God forgive you. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

After the anointing, a hymn may be sung. If the Holy Qurbana is to follow, then it is resumed, beginning with Onita d'Raza. If not, the following prayers may be said before giving Holy Communion to the sick person.

C: O, Lord, You said: "I am the living bread that came down from Heaven. Whoever receives me, will live in me forever and will inherit the

kingdom of Heaven!" Forgive our sins and be gracious to us. Make this servant worthy to receive Your precious Body and Blood. May he (she), by the power of these holy mysteries, obtain forgiveness of sins and life everlasting.

D: Let us approach the mysteries of the precious Body and Blood of our saviour with reverence and respect. With hope, arising from repentance, let us turn away from wrongdoing, repent of our sins, and forgive the trespasses of our brothers and sisters. Let us pray to God, the Lord of all, for mercy and forgiveness.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of this brother (sister).

D: Let us cleanse our hearts, turning away from dissensions and conflicts.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of this brother (sister).

D: Let us free our souls from enmity and hatred.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of this brother (sister).

D: Let us receive the Holy Qurbana and be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of this brother (sister).

D: Let us receive these sacred mysteries in peace and in unity with one another.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of this brother (sister).

D: O Lord, may these sacred mysteries lead us to the resurrection of our bodies and to the salvation of our souls.

A: May they be the source of life everlasting. Amen.

D: Let us pray. Peace be with us.

C: Lord God, make us worthy to be in Your presence with the confidence You have mercifully bestowed on us. Enable us to stand in Your presence with cheerful faces and pure hearts. Calling upon You together, we pray:

C: Our Father in Heaven

A: Holy be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day the bread we need
and forgive us our debts and sins

as we have forgiven those who offended us .
Do not let us fall into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For, Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

C: *(blessing the sick person)* May the life-giving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be made perfect in you ✠ through His mercy.

A: Always and forever, Amen.

C: *(while giving Communion)* May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

Concluding Prayers

C: Almighty God, we glorify Your mysterious providence. We thank You for having sent Your beloved Son to us to give forgiveness to the sinners, healing to the sick, and relief to the afflicted. May this brother (sister) be blessed to savour Your fatherly protection and saving presence. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of all, forever.

D: Amen. Lord bless us.

C: O merciful and healing Christ, we praise You for You have accepted our prayers and the anointing service, and have given solace to this brother (sister). May the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph, our father St Thomas the apostle, and all the saints, especially of the heavenly patron (patroness) of this brother (sister), be with him (her). Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Final Blessing

C: (placing the right hand on the *sick person*) May God the Father bless you, giving you all the spiritual gifts through our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgiving your sins, may He sanctify you. May He send His heavenly hosts to protect you always. May He strengthen you to bear the sorrows of life cheerfully and to offer yourself to the cross of Christ. May He empower you to live placing your hope in the everlasting bliss. May He bless abundantly your near ones and those serving you, and all who have participated in this sacred service. Now, always ✠ and for ever (*blesses all*).

A: Amen.

The celebrant brings the cross for the sick person to kiss

The Rite of Anointing the Sick in Danger of Death

C: *(entering the sick person' room)* May the peace of the Lord be with you.

A: Amen.

C: (placing the right hand on *the sick person*) May God the Father bless you, giving you all the spiritual gifts through our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgiving your sins, may He sanctify you. May He send His heavenly hosts to protect you always. May He strengthen you to bear the sorrows of life cheerfully and to offer yourself to the cross of Christ. May He empower you to live placing your hope in the everlasting bliss. May He bless abundantly your near ones and those serving you, and all who have participated in this sacred service. Now, always ✠ and for ever *(blesses the person)*.

A: Amen.

C: *(Making the sign of the cross with holy oil on the forehead of the sick person)* For spiritual and physical healing (Name of the sick person) is anointed and sanctified. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.